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DWR Announces Local Groundwater Assistance Grants

SACRAMENTO - The Department of Water Resources (DWR) today announced the award of \$6,400,000 in grant funding to 30 public agencies from the Local Groundwater Assistance Program.

The goal of the Local Groundwater Assistance Grant Program is to help local agencies throughout the State perform groundwater studies and conduct groundwater monitoring and management activities. This round of funding marks the fifth year in which grants have been awarded under the program. The Local Groundwater Assistance Grant Program has been popular as demonstrated by the level of funding requests and the increasing interest in this grant Program. For the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Grant Program, DWR received 75 applications requesting a total of \$17.5 million in grant funds. In the four previous grant funding cycles, DWR received from 50 to 72 applications each year and has awarded over \$21 million to 78 different local agencies for 99 projects. A total of 57 of those projects have been or will be completed by June 2005.

Funding from the Program has supported development of local and regional groundwater management plans and programs, installation of groundwater monitoring wells, hydrogeologic studies of groundwater basins, development of groundwater models and data storage systems, evaluation of third party impacts, elimination of potential contaminant sources, and many other actions to enhance groundwater management and usage throughout California.

A listing of the agencies and projects is on the Internet at:

<http://www.grantsloans.water.ca.gov/grants/assistance.cfm>

The Department of Water Resources operates and maintains the State Water Project, provides dam safety and flood control and inspection services, assists local water districts in water management and water conservation planning, and plans for future statewide water

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